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SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL SPANISH GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN  
WIREC UNLIKELY DUE TO ELECTIONS

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Post has discussed WIREC with contacts in the Ministry Of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade. National elections are expected to take place March 2 or March 9, 2008, and our interlocutors say that as a result, participation in WIREC March 4-6 by senior GOS officials is unlikely. Post will continue to discuss WIREC opportunities with GOS officials and the private sector representatives in the coming weeks and will provide septel a list of businesses that we believe may be interested in participating.

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